

Reuse • Recycle • Conserve

City of Kirkland Public Works Department



WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Collection Event
October 3rd

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Visit us at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle

Recycling Kits for Condos and Apartments

Recycling in multifamily units is catching on! In the last year, over 2,300 recycling kits have been distributed to 53 different condo and apartment properties!

Your building or complex is eligible to receive free onsite recycling assistance and informational presentations for homeowners associations and apartment groups. Recycling kits will be provided for property managers and condo associations to distribute to residents.

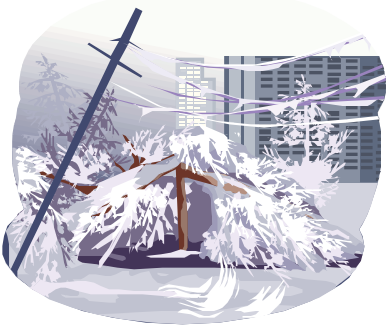
Kits include:

- A durable collection bag for you to store and transport recyclables to your outdoor recycling cart or dumpster.
- A sticker listing what is and is not recyclable
- A refrigerator magnet
- A resource sheet on where to take hard-to-recycle items
- Water conservation tips and tricks



If your property needs recycling kits or recycling assistance, please contact your building owner, property manager or condo association and ask them to contact the City of Kirkland at (425) 587-3812 or recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us. Supplies are limited.

Inclement Weather and Holiday Collection Policies



Who could forget last year's snow storm that packed a punch and impacted garbage collection service? The City contracts with Waste Management to provide garbage and recycling collection services and Waste Management determines when service is cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions.

If inclement weather such as snow and ice prevents the safe collection of your garbage and recycling, a double load of garbage, recycling, and yard waste will be picked up on your next regular collection day. Since a double load is collected, no credits will be issued for the missed service day. Please remove your carts from the street or sidewalk and store any extra garbage and recycling until your next regular service day. For up-to-date information on weather delays and tips on managing extra garbage and recycling, go to www.wmnorthwest.com/weatherboard.

A holiday note... Waste Management observes three holidays each year: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. If your regular collection day falls on one of these three holidays, your service day for that week will be adjusted forward by one day. For instance, if your collection day falls on Thanksgiving Day (Thurs), your service day for that week will be adjusted to Friday. Customers with regular service on Friday will receive service on Saturday.

Battery Recycling

We want you to get charged up about battery recycling. Bring your batteries to any of the collection sites below:

- City Hall - 123 5th Ave.
- North Kirkland Community Center - 12421 103rd Ave. NE
- Peter Kirk Community Center – 352 Kirkland Ave.
- Parks Office – 505 Market St.
- Public Works Maintenance Center – 915 8th St.

Rechargeable Batteries

Consider making the switch to rechargeable batteries. While single-use batteries can only be used once, rechargeable batteries can be reused up to 1,000 times. Rechargeables are a great option for your wallet and the environment. You can save money and create less waste by replacing your single-use batteries with rechargeables.



Recent changes at the Federal level now require that batteries collected for recycling be packaged individually in plastic bags or have both terminals (+ and -) covered with tape, in order to prevent short-circuiting and fire.

Super Scoopers

More than 12,000 dogs, of all shapes and sizes, call Kirkland their home. That's a lot of dogs and a lot of dog waste - more than 730 TONS of waste per year! Many pet owners don't realize that the little piles of waste left on the ground by dogs can add up to big problems for people, animals, and water. This waste is essentially raw sewage that can affect public health and water quality. That means it's up to each individual dog owner to take responsibility for his/her dog's waste. Scoop the poop, bag it and put it in the trash!



Take the Super Scooper Pledge for clean yards, parks & streams at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/petwaste and we'll send you a FREE pet waste bag dispenser for you and your pooch!

Try These Tips to Make Every Drop of Water Count

Every drop counts when it comes to water conservation.
At home...

1. Use the same glass for water throughout the day instead of putting it directly into the dishwasher after each use. This cuts down on the glasses to be washed.
2. Water plants in creative ways: use melted ice from a cup, water from cooking noodles or vegetables, or the water from your hot water faucet while waiting for it to warm up.
3. Reuse the water from boiling vegetables to start a vegetable stock for a soup.
4. Consider buying organic produce because it uses a lot less water to grow.
5. Insulate your water pipes. It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.

Out and about...

1. Patronize businesses which practice and promote water conservation. Visit www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/kirklandgreen for local "green" businesses.
2. Only order water in restaurants if you really want it. It is estimated that every glass of water served at a restaurant requires another two glasses to wash and rinse it.
3. Wash your car at a commercial car wash. You help to protect the environment because the soapy water is treated before it reaches local waterways.

Puget Sound Starts Here

Puget Sound starts here. "Here" is where each of us lives. It's our backyards, our driveways, our neighborhoods and our homes. But what we do here has a serious impact on our local waterways and ultimately on Puget Sound.

Our actions pollute local waterways with yard chemicals, oil, grease, soap, and bacteria from pet waste and septic systems. When rainwater runoff flows over the ground, it picks up these pollutants. This contaminated water goes down storm drains, emptying directly into creeks, rivers, and lakes, eventually ending up in Puget Sound.

The City is supporting the education and outreach efforts of "Puget Sound Starts Here," a regional effort to help Puget Sound. By changing a few of your daily habits, you can become part of the solution. Together, we can help save Puget Sound.



Here are a few things to get you started:

- In your yard, use chemicals sparingly or not at all.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash and have oil leaks fixed.
- Pick up dog poop, bag it, and put it in the trash (not in the yard waste bin or compost).

For more ideas and tips, visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org.

Want to Volunteer?

Many environmental stewardship opportunities are available with the City of Kirkland. Go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us and enter "Kirkland Volunteer Opportunities" in the search box to find a complete listing of opportunities.



Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call (425) 587-3907 or email vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Recycling Collection Event

PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County
WHAT: Residential Collection Event
WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride (NE 70th St. & 116th Ave. NE)
WHEN: Saturday, October 3th from 9 AM to 3 PM

Safely recycle items that normally cannot be recycled at your apartment or condo or recycled readily through product stewardship programs. We'll gladly accept tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, electronic equipment and computer peripherals, appliances and scrap metal.

Important note!!! Due to the overwhelming success and convenience of the new E-Cycle Washington Program, we will no longer accept televisions, desktop and laptop computers, and computer monitors at our Kirkland Recycling Collection Events. We will still continue to accept all other electronic devices at our events: cell phones, printers, scanners, fax machines, mice, and keyboards. For more information on the E-Cycle Washington Program or to find a convenient free collection site near you, visit our Free Electronics Recycling webpage at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle.



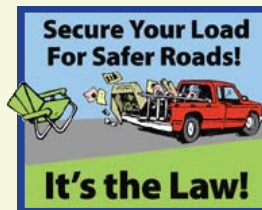
Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Link to King County's "What Do I Do With...?" website from www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle.



Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be recycled at this event! (limit 10 tubes/bulbs per person)

Some fees do apply (cash only):

- Porcelain toilets/sinks - **\$5 each**
- Propane tanks (empty, residential only) - **\$5 each**
- Small camping propane tanks (empty) - **\$5 each**
- Water heater with insulation coating - **\$5/each**
- Refrigerators/freezers/household air conditioners - **\$25 each**



For tips on securing your load, please go to www.kingcounty.gov and search: "secure your load" or call the King County Solid Waste Division at **(206) 296-4466**.

*Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at **(425) 587-3812** for more information.

Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division, King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Kirkland Green E-Updates

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Kirkland E-Mail Alerts





Kirkland Residents:

Did You Know?



Rechargeable batteries can be recharged and reused up to 1,000 times. Hundreds of single-use batteries would be needed to equal that lifespan.

Rechargeable batteries are a better choice for the environment...
and your wallet!



How “Green” is Your Landscaper?

Not all landscape companies are equally “green.” When your homeowners association or property management company hires someone to design, install, or maintain your complex’s landscaping, it’s worth asking what they will do to keep both residents and the environment healthy.

Ask prospective landscape contractors what they will do to keep you, your neighbors, and the environment healthy.



- Do you offer an “organic” or environmentally-sensitive program?
- Do you consider existing site conditions in your landscape design?
- Do you use compost and “natural organic” or “slow-release” fertilizers?
- Do you make water conservation and plant health high priorities?
- Do you mulch-mow, leave grass clippings on the lawn?
- Are you EnviroStars certified? EnviroStars is a regional program that certifies businesses based on their environmental practices (www.envirostars.org).

For a full list of questions, go to kingcounty.gov and enter “choose a landscaper” in the search box.

The right answers to these questions will protect the health of your family and your neighbors by reducing contact with chemicals, reduce yard waste, improve soil health, conserve water – and save money. Demand safe and environmentally-friendly landscaping services.